

STRIFE OF WAR BROUGHT RALLY TO ALMA MATER

Old Appeal Made That Ex-Mercerians Not Break College Connections

Time does not change the love of an Alma Mater for her children as is shown by the old Catalogues of Mercer University.

In 1868 the University, through lack of funds to pay a more lasting tribute, issued a special edition of the catalogue as a memorial to the Mercer men who fought in the Civil War.

Today the Old Grads return to Mercer to live over their college days for a few hours and to plan for the erection of the War Memorial Gymnasium to be built as a tribute to the Mercer men who paid the supreme sacrifice in the World War.

In the Memorial Catalogue the University bemoaned the lack of communication with her Alumni; the records having been lost or destroyed in the turmoil of war, and makes an appeal for the Alumni to send in their addresses and all available information about their old school-mates.

The appeal for information concerning the Alumni published in this valuable catalogue is unsurpassed in literary efforts of the period in which it was written. The appeal is the soul of a mother crying for her missing children:

Many of the children of Mercer University have strayed so far from their Alma Mater that all communication has ceased; but a parental solicitude is still felt for these wandering ones. Are they still living? If so, where and what are their pursuits? What is their position, and what their success in life? Are they in health and prosperity, or are they wasted and worn in constitution by the wearisome march and the tentless camp? Are their bodies still entire, are they mutilated by the demon of war? Have they passed from life? If so, where was the scene of their departure? Did they perish in battle, surrounded by smoke and fire and carnage, or did some far off rifleman stealthily murder the picket on his lonely march? These inquiries, and more, would the Alma Mater make with a mother's feeling for her much-loved boy. All her wounds are opened afresh by the frightful mortality which appears in the published list of her Alumni.

Alumni, and other former students of Mercer University, are alike scattered; not only by the ordinary contingencies of life, but by the tremendous emergencies of war. The loving mother weeping over those who are known to have perished, now anxiously inquires, Where are the others?

COLLEGE MENTORS PLAN TRACK TEAM

Mercer to Enter Intercollegiate Meets This Year. Coaches Say.

That Mercer will be represented on the cinder track by a varsity squad this season is the assurance given by the coaching staff. This will mark the first time in years that Mercer has entered a varsity team in collegiate competition.

Although no definite schedule has yet been arranged, it is planned to enter teams in the Tech relays, State meet and S. I. A. A. meet. Several dual meets are also under consideration, and Macon, it is understood, is practically assured of one of these, provided sufficient progress has been made on the municipal stadium to accommodate such events.

Mercer has taken no active part in producing a track team in years, although many of the old grads can recall some of the tracks teams that used to represent the institution in the years gone by. During the past few years there has been considerable agitation from students and local fans for the revival of cinder activities at Mercer. Although the coaches found it impossible to produce a varsity squad last year, the Freshmen did

Greater Than A President



His father said he had rather "Crook" Smith were a good athlete than President of the United States. There are few men at Mercer who better are living up to their parent's wishes. Mr. Smith is happy; "Crook" is happy, and Mercer is happy.

PETRELS ANXIOUS TO BATTLE BEARS

Expect Annual Clash Between Two Teams to Decide S. I. A. A. Championship.

Mercer's game with Oglethorpe in Atlanta on November 22, the Saturday before Thanksgiving, has been designated as "Home Coming Day" for Oglethorpe's former students and members of the alumni association.

Just as the game this afternoon with Florida is the big game of the year for the Mercer Bears, so is the approaching tilt with Oglethorpe the outstanding game of the season for the Petrels. Reports emanating from the Petrel headquarters say that interest over the coming battle is at the fever pitch among Oglethorpe students, and a capacity crowd is expected to attend the game there next Saturday.

In that Oglethorpe handed Mercer the bitter pill of defeat last year by a score of 7-6, the Bears are more than anxious to avenge themselves this year, although by no means is the game considered the hardest on the Mercer schedule. The game this afternoon with the Alligators is undoubtedly the toughest on the Bear menu, and the big game of the year for Mercer.

Petrels Respect Bears

However, if Mercer is anxious to avenge last year's defeat, the Petrels are quoted as being more than eager to repeat their performance of last year, and are frank to admit that they had rather win over Mercer this year than any other opponent on their schedule. The Oglethorpe team has the greatest respect for the grid

put out a crack cinder squad, and many of these men have returned to school this year.

Have Good Material

As to what the proposed team will do this year depends a great deal upon the interest manifested by the students themselves and upon the progress of the new stadium; it is understood.

The Freshmen cinder men of last season, including Parks, Phillips, King, Smith, and others, have returned to school. These men, together with many men who were not out for the team last year, will present a formidable squad for the consideration of opponents.

Mercer was once one of the leading schools in the state in track and other such sports, according to those who have followed Mercer activities in the sport world. That this interest should be revived seems to be the opinion of the coaches and a number of the students.

prosess of the Bears and are going to train harder for this encounter than they did for their opening engagement of the season with Georgia Tech.

Oglethorpe has a strong team this year, much stronger, in fact, than that of last year, as may be seen by the teams that have gone down in defeat at the hands of the Petrels. They succeeded in swamping Suwanee by a score of 7-0 two weeks ago, and then quickly followed up their advantage by running rough-shod over the Howard eleven, 33-7. The score on the Howard game does not compare so favorably with that of Mercer's when it is recalled that the Bears only defeated the Birmingham Bulldogs 14-5.

Face Skirmish Seriously

The two teams are pretty evenly matched and present indications point that the battle will be a hard one, perhaps one of the closest of the season, according to dope. For this reason, the Bears are not by any means taking the annual clash with the Petrels with any degree of lightness, but are facing the prospective encounter with all seriousness, and are planning to put up a stiff fight. The Atlanta papers are playing the game up as the one that will settle the championship of the S. I. A. A. this year. In that the two teams are perhaps the strongest elevens in the S. I. A. A., there is considerable logic in this conclusion.

With dope fairly evenly divided as to the possible outcome of the game, and with both teams banking on a decisive victory, speculation is rife in sporting circles as to just how the skirmish between the Bears and the Petrels will terminate.

Rialto Theatre

Mon. Tues. Wed. Nov. 17, 18, 19

Reginald Denny in "THE RECKLESS AGE"

Thur. Fri. Sat. Nov. 20, 21, 22

Rudolph Valentino in "A SAINTED DEVIL"

Capitol Theatre

Mon., Tues., Nov. 17, 18

Agnes Ayers in "WORLDLY GOODS"

Wed., Thur., Nov. 19, 20

Viola Dana in "ALONG CAME RUTH"

Fri., Sat., Nov. 21, 22

Virginia Valli in "THE TURMOIL"

FACULTY MUST CREATE SPIRIT COACH ASSERTS

By "Crook" Smith

In a short interview with Coach Stanley Robinson upon the Mercer spirit, he laid down a few fundamentals upon which he said spirit was built.

"We must have co-operation on the part of the faculty as well as the students. No student body will do what the chosen leaders fail to do," he said, and cited several incidents where in his own experience a school had been brought out of the rut by the faculty setting the example by attending all games and all practice games.

Continuing along this line, he said that not only must the faculty but the upperclassmen must set the example. According to Coach, it seems as though the desire at Mercer has been to create a spirit only among the Freshmen and call that Mercer spirit, but according to Coach, "What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, and only as the whole student body as a whole co-operates can this end be accomplished and a high-toned moral spirit be established.

"However," he added, "rapid strides are being made in this direction. The various classes are pledging their whole and unified support to the teams by their attendance at pep meetings, games and practice. The band will meet the trains when the team comes back from a game with a representative crowd of students to parade, and thus circulate among the citizens of Macon the atmosphere of allegiance."

He concluded his remarks by saying that the outlook was neither gloomy nor dangerous but on the contrary was "rare with possibility, and the time is fast approaching when Mercer spirit would be the talk of the South."

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